

15 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Charles Johnson  
Psychological Strategy Board

Attached is a communication received by the Director of Central Intelligence, bearing on the problem of improving military information and educational programs. It is forwarded for information and such action as is deemed appropriate.

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22 August 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Gordon Gray  
Director, Psychological Strategy Board

General Smith has asked me to forward the enclosed Intelligence Memorandum, "Probable Soviet Objectives and Tactics in the Forthcoming San Francisco Peace Conference". This memorandum was prepared by the Board of National Estimates for the information of the Director and has not been coordinated with the other members of the Intelligence Advisory Committee.

Future memoranda of this nature which are believed to be of special interest to the Psychological Strategy Board will be transmitted to your office.

/s/



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23 August 1951

Hon Walter Bedell Smith  
 Director,  
 Central Intelligence Agency

Dear General Smith:

As you know, Task Panel "A" has been engaged since 6 August on the problem of propaganda and psychological strategy plans with respect to the Armistice negotiations in Korea. This Panel has addressed itself first to the contingency of a definitive rupture in the negotiations.

I wish to report that the Panel has reviewed the preparations for this contingency which have already been made by the departments and agencies conducting psychological operations, and has found them essentially sound. The propaganda objectives and public statements are designed to render maximum support to our political and military objectives and intentions with respect to Korea, and are also in consonance with our aims with respect to the coming Japanese Treaty Conference as well as with our overall psychological objectives.

The Panel will in a few days have completed its study of this contingency, after which it will move on to the contingency of "The attainment of any degree of success in the Armistice negotiations". Whether it will in fact proceed to that contingency and how it will be handled is, of course, dependent upon the determination of the significance of yesterday's supposed rupture.

My staff and the Panel are maintaining informal contacts to keep abreast of the immediate situation.

Sincerely,

GORDON GRAY  
 Director

*Walter Bedell Smith*  
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1 November 1951

General Walter B. Smith  
Director  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

Dr. Stratton, Provost of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Director of the Center of International Studies, plans to present the program of the Center to the Psychological Strategy Board and members of the staff on Wednesday, November 7th, from 10:00 to 12:00 a.m., in my office.

You will recall that this Center is a continuation on an established basis of the work recommended by the Troy Report and draws its support from the Central Intelligence Agency. The work of the Center, in my opinion, has a particular interest to the Psychological Strategy Board.

Dr. Stratton will be accompanied by his division chiefs, and the presentation will give in detail the contribution and the goals of the work of the Center. I hope you will find it possible to attend.

Sincerely,

Gordon Gray  
Director

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says someone from Agency should attend  
Mr. Gray's office notified that Genl. Smith could  
not attend but that [redacted] would represent him.  
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24 October 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Hon. William C. Foster  
Gen. Walter B. Smith

Following the meeting of the Psychological Strategy Board scheduled for 2:30 p.m., 25 October, in room 5104 New State Building, the Department of State will present a briefing on the U.S. Information and Education Program. It is estimated that this briefing will take approximately an hour and a half.



Charles W. McCarthy  
Colonel, USA  
Executive Officer

NOTE FOR RECORD:

Foregoing information received by telephone from Col. McCarthy's office on 10/24 and the Director was so informed.

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6 November 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: DD/A

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

1. I discussed the attached promotion of [REDACTED] who informed me that the Director had stated that the three GS-17 slots allotted by us to PSB had been made with the thought that Mr. Gray would be able to go outside of Government to employ qualified people. However, [REDACTED] also stated that General Smith would voice no objection to [REDACTED] promotion if Mr. Gray desired it.

2. The above information was discussed with [REDACTED] by [REDACTED] who stated that at the same time he informed [REDACTED] this would be a PSD and not a CIA promotion. Therefore, if and when [REDACTED] might return to OPC we would not have a Grade 17 open for him and a possibility that the GS-15 slot he now occupies would be filled. [REDACTED] is agreeable to this and is willing to take his chances.

3. I verified the above with Mr. Johnson, Assistant Executive Officer, PSB, who requested that the promotion in question be put through and Colonel McCarthy informed verbally as to the effective date. Mr. Johnson noted that no reply to Mr. Gray's letter of 19 October 1951 was necessary.

**SIGNED:**

[REDACTED]  
Assistant to the Director

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6 December 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: COLONEL CHARLES W. MCCARTHY  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PSB

Please note General Smith's approval of the action recommended in the attached memorandum, copy of which has been retained for our files.

SIGNED,

Assistant to the Director

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MEMORANDUM TO: The Director

Attached is a draft reply to Mr. Gray's letter. The appropriate briefing is being developed and will be available to you prior to the Board meeting at which these topics will be discussed. The additional suggestion comes from the Psychological Warfare Staff of OPC.

[Redacted Signature]

Frank G. Wisner

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Mr. Gordon Gray  
Director  
Psychological Strategy Board  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Gray: 24

I agree that the four subjects mentioned in your letter of 30 November should be examined by the Psychological Strategy Board, and I suggest that they be placed on the agenda for an early meeting of the Board.

In addition, I suggest that the Board consider on a priority basis a Psychological Warfare Plan for Germany, which will define strategy in regard to two major interlocking problems:

- (1) The integration of Germany into the Western European orbit.
- (2) The relationship of German Unity to European Union.

Sincerely,

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Walter B. Smith  
Director

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December 4, 1951

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General W. B. Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Beedle:

Items keep appearing in the papers to the effect that the United States will reduce its arms budget next year, and that our allies will do the same, as a result of economic necessity.

If it is true that we plan to reduce our arms expenditures, we may be throwing away a great opportunity by a casual release of such information.

It seems to me that we could announce the possible coming reduction in a dramatic way as a token of our sincerity in presenting our disarmament proposals. The President, for example, could announce that we will cut our arms budget so many billions as a demonstration of our peaceful purposes and of our faith in our inherent strength. This would help give an element of plausibility to our disarmament proposals and could be followed by similar announcements in Britain and France.

If it should be decided that we should make a virtue of necessity in this way, of course, steps should be taken to bottle up further casual statements. Obviously, such an approach would also require some fast planning and diplomacy to make sure that the European nations do not go into a tailspin on rearmament.

I should like very much to discuss this with the members of our Board at our luncheon on Thursday. At this point this matter has been discussed only with the Assistant Director of the Office of Plans and Policy in my staff.

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Sincerely,



Gordon Gray  
Director

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December 17, 1951

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General W. B. Smith  
Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Beedle:

I thought you would be interested in the  
attached excerpt from the stenographic transcript  
of hearings before the House of Representatives  
Subcommittee on Administration of Internal Revenue  
Laws of the Committee on Ways and Means.

Sincerely,



~~Gordon Gray~~  
Director

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March 13, 1952

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General Walter B. Smith,  
Director of Central Intelligence  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Smith:

The following is the standard distribution to the Central Intelligence Agency of Psychological Strategy Board documents:

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From time to time, PSB documents deal with matters that are so sensitive that it will be necessary to depart from this standard distribution. Therefore, the following procedure has been set up by this office to provide adequate consultation with respect to the number of documents required to meet the operational needs of the Central Intelligence Agency. The same procedure will be followed in respect to the other two member agencies of the Psychological Strategy Board.

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It would be appreciated if you would advise me whether this proposed procedure meets with your approval.

Sincerely yours,

*Charles E. Johnson*  
Charles E. Johnson  
Executive Officer

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31 March 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR: EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
Psychological Strategy Board

SUBJECT : Distribution to CIA of PSB Documents

1. In acknowledgment of your letter of 13 March 1952, this reply will confirm the procedure for standard distribution of three copies of PSB documents to meet the operational needs of the Central Intelligence Agency.

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